

RELEASE 03-01 – MINOR FPLS RELEASE SCHEDULE	
Dates	Activities
Tuesday, April 22, 2003	Post Manifest to OCSE Website
<p>Tuesday, May 6, 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 8, 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>The Federal Offset manifest will be discussed at the Federal Offset monthly meetings on April 29, 30 and May 1.</p>	<p>Conference Call with State Technical Support. Please plan to attend one of the sessions. The objective of the call is to provide the answers to the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are your questions, comments and/or concerns? 2. Will you need to make changes to your system? 3. Do you have any issues concerning the Release Implementation Date? 4. Do you need Technical Support?
Thursday, May 22, 2003	Post Specifications to OCSE Website
<p>Wednesday, May 28, 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 3, 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>The Federal Offset specifications will be discussed at the Federal Offset monthly meetings on May 20, 21 and 22. The specifications will be emailed to participants prior to the meetings.</p>	<p>Multistate Conference Call with State Technical Support. Please plan to attend one of the sessions. The objective of the call is to walk through the specifications and Q&A.</p>
<i>Availability to be established during conference call</i>	Testing with States
Friday, August 22, 2003	OCSE Implementation of FPLS Release 03-01

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System	OCSE Ref #	Description	Proposed Changes	Business Requirements	Reason
FCR	1593	<p>Give states the option to have CS Locates return NDNH data that their own state submitted.</p> <p>Point of Contact: Ken Nesbit (703) 345-8102 kenny.nesbit@ngc.com</p>	<p>The FCR is being modified to return a state's own NDNH responses (Locate Source Response Agency Code equal to H97, H98 or H99) for CS-type Locate Requests when the state completes a form that designates its selection(s). Currently, same state NDNH matches are returned only for a state's AD, CV, LC and PK Locate Requests.</p> <p>Impact: States will have the option to have their CS Locates return NDNH data that their own state submitted. A form will be made available to states to select this option. In their selection, a state may designate W-4 only, QW only, UI only, or any combination of these three record types, including all three. This option is consistent with the current option available for receiving NDNH Proactive Match records.</p>	By choosing to receive their own NDNH data from a CS-type Locate Request, states may find the retrieval faster and/or easier than trying to get the data from their own state source.	Requested by Virginia, California and New Mexico.
FCR	1561	<p>Add an additional DoD code of 'P' for Pension/Retired Personnel.</p> <p>Point of Contact: Ken Nesbit (703) 345-8102</p>	The NDNH is being modified to accept a code 'P' on an NDNH QW record from the Department of Defense to designate pensions for retired military or Coast Guard personnel. This value will be returned on FCR/NDNH	States may see two benefits from the implementation of this enhancement. First, states will have access to additional financial information and	Requested by DoD to streamline flow of information.

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		kenny.nesbit@ngc.com	<p>Locates and Proactive Matches in the DoD Agency Status Indicator field (position 740 of the redefined QW portion) of the FCR NDNH Locate/Proactive Match Response Record (Record Identifier 'FN').</p> <p>Impact: State systems must be able to accept a new value ('P') in the DoD Agency Status Indicator field (position 740 of the redefined QW portion) of the FCR NDNH Locate/Proactive Match Response Record (Record Identifier 'FN').</p>	second, states may not need to request locates because the returned data will now be stored directly on the NDNH.	
FCR	1131	<p>Delete the State-Submitted SSN field from the FCR Reconciliation File.</p> <p>Point of Contact: Ken Nesbit (703) 345-8102 kenny.nesbit@ngc.com</p>	<p>The FCR is being modified to redefine the State-Submitted SSN field (positions 49-57) as filler in the FCR Person Reconciliation Record (Record Identifier 'RS'). This change is being made because the data in this field can change over time as states make changes to the FCR, so its value at any given point in time cannot be reliably defined.</p> <p>Impact: The State-Submitted SSN will no longer be returned on the FCR Person Reconciliation Record.</p>	By removing this field from the reconciliation process, potential confusion over its meaning will be eliminated.	Discrepancy in documentation was pointed out by the State of Illinois.

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NDNH	1180	<p>Create default values for specific NDNH data that are invalid.</p> <p>Point of Contact: Ken Nesbit (703) 345-8102 kenny.nesbit@ngc.com</p>	<p>The NDNH is being modified to default certain fields to spaces or zeroes if its value does not correspond to its expected data type.</p> <p>The default values will be reflected in the FCR/NDNH Locates and Proactive Matches. Affected fields include certain state fields, some dates, dollar amounts, and zip codes.</p> <p>Impact: No state impact.</p>	<p>This will reduce the chance for a user to experience difficulty when trying to process a field value that does not match the expected field format.</p>	<p>Several states reported processing problems with unexpected NDNH values.</p>
Federal Offset	1586	<p>FMS has stated that in the future they will require all cases submitted to have a complete address. In preparation for this proposed change, the Federal Offset system will send a warning message to the state when a case they submitted does not have a complete address.</p> <p>A complete address is defined as containing data in Address Line 1 or Address Line 2, City and State.</p> <p>Point of Contact: Scott Hale (202) 401-5745</p>	<p>A new warning code will be returned to the state through the Rejected Case Submission and Update Record file to indicate a case was submitted without a complete address.</p> <p>Impact: States will receive a new warning message in their Rejected Case Submission and Update Record file for a case whose address is not complete.</p> <p>The current Error Code 40 that rejects an all-blank address for Address Change (Z) transactions will now reject when an Address is not complete.</p> <p>Impact: States will receive an error message in their Rejected</p>	<p>FMS will not process offsets where addresses are not available. Making more addresses available will increase collections.</p> <p>Submission time is decreased, therefore increasing the potential for a collection.</p>	

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		shale@acf.hhs.gov Chris Ennis (202) 260-4712 cennis@acf.hhs.gov	Case Submission and Update Record file for an Address Change transaction whose address is not complete.		
Federal Offset	1637	Provide the states with an online option to submit updates to the Passport Denial Exclusion Indicator. Point of Contact: Scott Hale (202) 401-5745 shale@acf.hhs.gov Chris Ennis (202) 260-4712 cennis@acf.hhs.gov	A new online screen will allow states to update a Passport Denial Exclusion Indicator for an obligor. Online submissions will process daily for adding or removing the PAS Exclusion Indicator. Cases where the PAS Exclusion Indicator has been removed will be forwarded to DoS when eligibility requirements have been met. Impact: No state impact. States may use the online Passport Denial/Release screen.	Improve Customer Service by reducing the time it takes to update Passport Denials and reduce paperwork at the state and federal levels.	
Federal Offset	1656	Provide a Delete detail history record for a case that was deleted due to an inability to locate an address for an obligor, or for a case that was deleted by a state before it could be forwarded to FMS. Point of Contact: Scott Hale (202) 401-5745 shale@acf.hhs.gov Chris Ennis	A delete record will be displayed on the online Current Year Query screen for a case which was deleted due to being placed on the Unaccountable Missing Address file, or was deleted by a state before it could be forwarded to FMS. Impact: No state impact.	Improve traceability of a case through its lifecycle.	

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CSENet	98	Case closure modification to update closing reason codes. Point of Contact: Brenda Cunningham (703) 367-4592 brenda.cunningham@lmco.com or CSENet.2000@lmco.com	Add four new transactions to the CSENet 2000 Application to reflect the case closure criteria in 45 CFR 303.11 (b) and (c), which can be found at the following URL: http://www.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/index.html . The existing transactions will remain in place. Impact: States may program additional transactions.	This enhancement will allow states to use the CSENet 2000 Application to electronically transfer standard case closing transactions using current case closure criteria. Note: One of the new transactions relates to the notice of intent to close a case.	Requested by several states because designated transactions do not exist and current information cannot be electronically sent via the OCSE Network.
FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS PROPOSED FOR STATES' CONSIDERATION					
FCR	1653	Do not store invalid FIPS County Codes	States have reported that some county FIPS codes for other states received via the FCR proactive match are not correct. These invalid codes often lead to later processing problems, such as rejected CSENet transactions. To remedy this problem, it has been suggested that the FCR be	States' systems will have the benefit of receiving valid FIPS codes from the FCR. This should reduce processing problems on the states' systems.	FIPS code discrepancies were reported by several states.

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			<p>modified so that if the FIPS County Code on an incoming case transaction is not valid for the state that submitted the record, that County FIPS Code would not be stored on the FCR even if the record were accepted on the FCR. As a result, such erroneous County FIPS codes would no longer be sent to states on FCR proactive matches and acknowledgements.</p> <p>This issue is not part of this release, but OCSE is seeking states' views on the advantages and drawbacks of such a change in order to determine whether to proceed with this suggestion.</p>		